

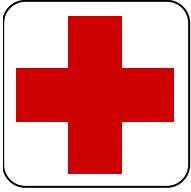
Houston Medical Response System (HMRS)

HOSPITAL PARTICIPATION

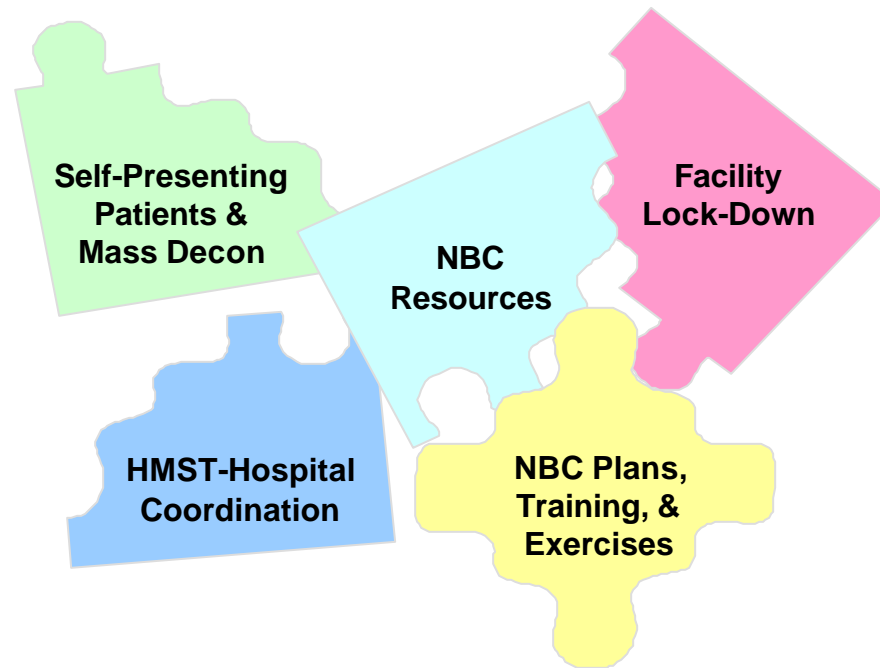


**NDMS 2000 CONFERENCE
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Houston Emergency Management



Putting the Pieces Together



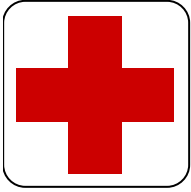
- **Can be difficult and time consuming**
- **Requires hospital participation**
- **Challenge — *Engaging the Hospital Community***



Houston's Hospital Community

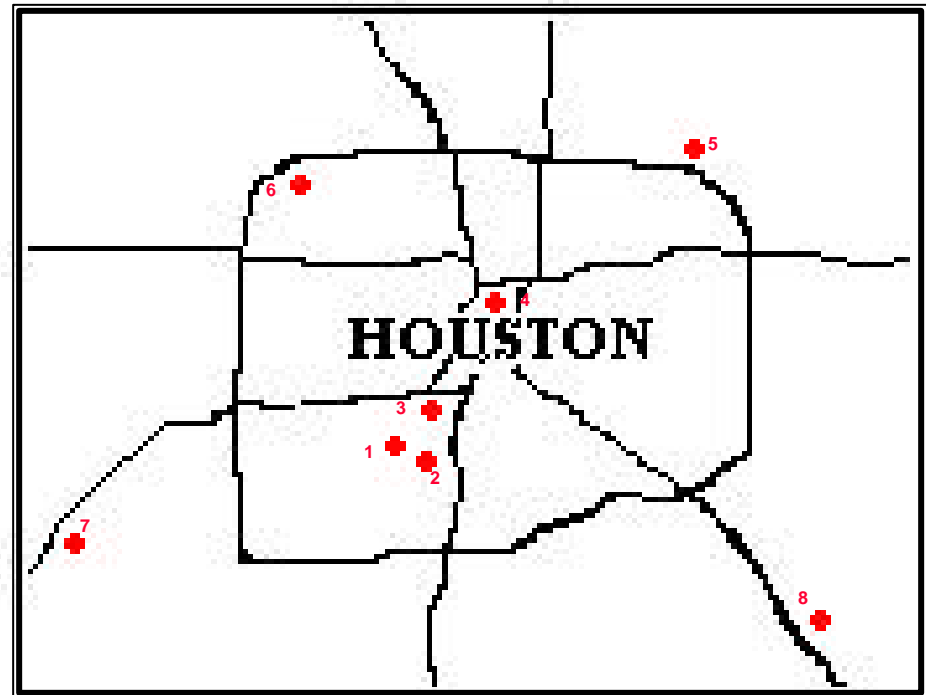


- **60+ hospital facilities in Metropolitan area**
- **12 located in the Texas Medical Center**
- **3 near petro-chemical & aerospace facilities**
- **2 Level I and 5 Level III Trauma Centers**



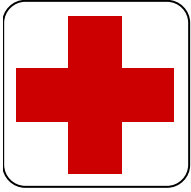
Primary Receiving Hospitals

1. Ben Taub General Hospital
2. Memorial Hermann Hospital
3. Methodist Hospital
4. CHRISTUS St. Joseph Hospital
5. LBJ General Hospital
6. Memorial Hermann Hospital NW
7. Memorial Hermann Hospital SW
8. Memorial Hermann Hospital SE



⇒ **emergency department capability**

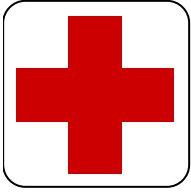
⇒ **geographic location**



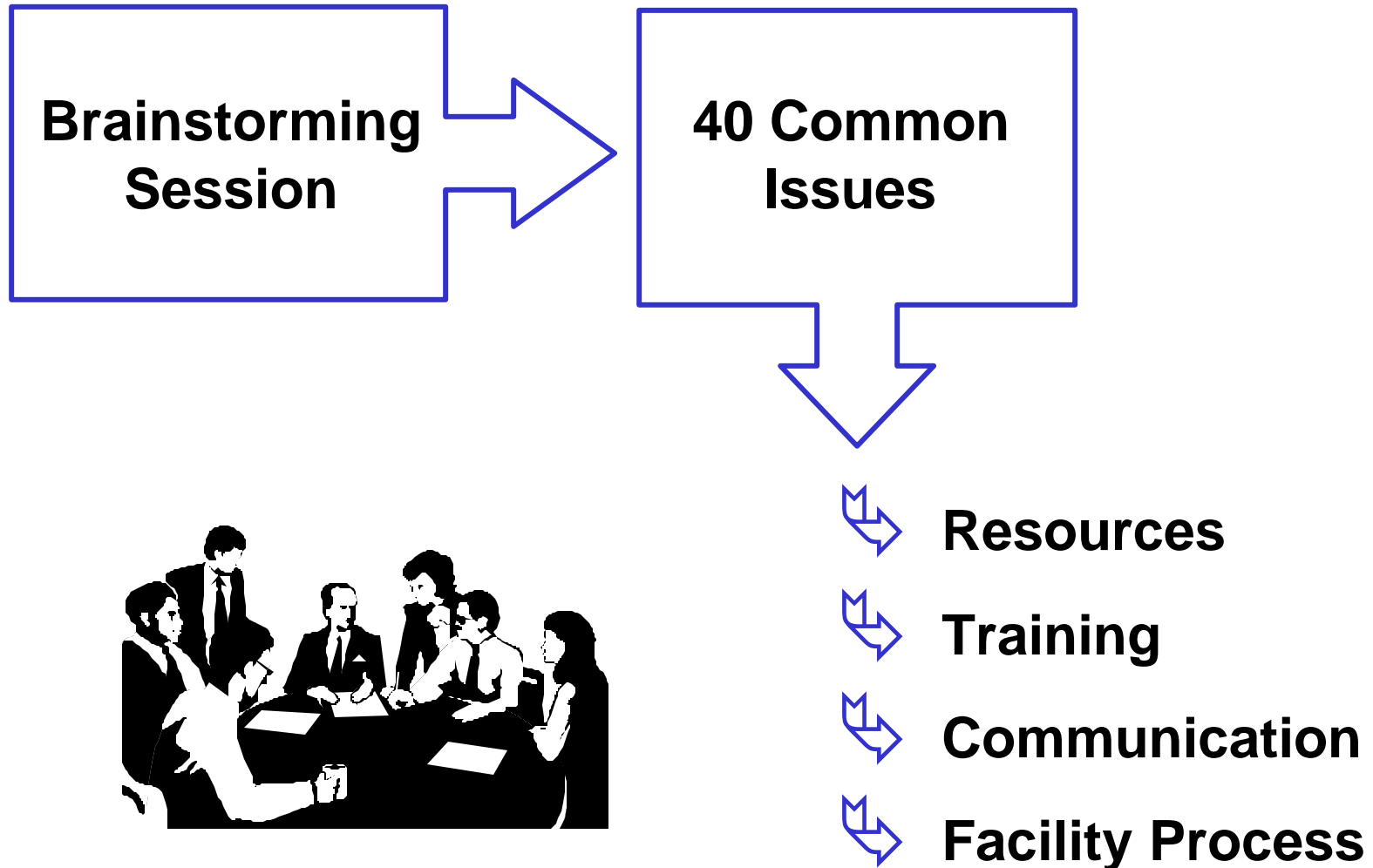
Receiving Hospitals Working Group (RHWG)

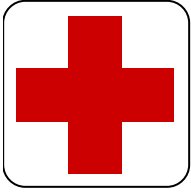
Purpose

**work out details of coordination and communication
between the Houston Medical Strike Team (HMST)
Hospital Operations Sector in the field and the primary
receiving hospitals**



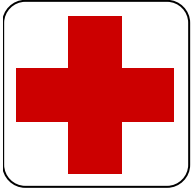
RHWG Roadmap Established





RHWG Since January 1999

- **PPE and Decon Equipment Identified**
- **Mass Decon Operational Process Identified**
- **Hospital NBC Resource List Established**
- **Hospital NBC Training Matrix Established**
- **NBC Training Course Materials Developed**
- **Written Facility NBC Plans Template**
- **Participation in January 2000 Field Exercise**



Hospital Field Exercise Objectives

- **Evaluate implementation of measures for protecting facility, staff, and existing patients from contamination.**
- **Assess ability to establish and operate pre-evaluation, decontamination, and triage stations for treatment of self-presenting patients.**
- **Assess medical capabilities to treat casualties of a NBC agent. Assess means to obtain resources and impact on delays of their receipt.**



RHWG Participation Prior to Field Exercise

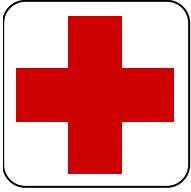
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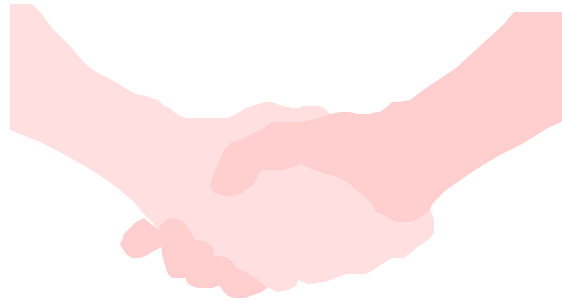
prepare for

the exercise



RHWG Partnerships

- **Southeast Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council (Q)**



- **Harris County Medical Society**



Hospital Participation Success Factors



- **Milestones and Timing**
- **“Common Cause” Rallying Points**
- **RHWG Discipline Mix**
- **Active Emergency Management Involvement**